

3rd International Conference on Hemophilia and Rare Bleeding Disorder

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Welcome Note



Dr. Faisal Khanani



Dr. Naser Al Zein

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committee, we are delighted to welcome you to the 3rd International Conference on Hemophilia and Rare Bleeding Disorders, held in partnership with the World Federation of Hemophilia. This event is taking place on October 5-6, 2024, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The conference provides a vital platform for presenting the latest advancements, exchanging innovative scientific knowledge, and discussing cutting-edge clinical applications aimed at enhancing the care and treatment of patients with hemophilia and rare bleeding disorders in the UAE and the wider region.

Our scientific committee has carefully curated a comprehensive two-day program that addresses the current challenges and clinical developments in the field. We have assembled a distinguished panel of leading experts who will share groundbreaking research and best practices to tackle the pressing issues related to hemophilia and bleeding disorders. Their insights will foster meaningful discussions throughout the conference.

In addition to exceptional educational opportunities, this event serves as a valuable networking platform, allowing you to interact with colleagues and experts in the field. The scientific program features a diverse array of educational sessions, including cutting-edge presentations, keynote lectures, case studies, debates, special panel discussions, and engaging interactions with industry leaders.

We have designed this international conference with an interdisciplinary approach, providing you with a unique opportunity to connect with peers from both academia and industry, helping you to establish a robust scientific network. The program is structured to ensure extensive exposure for attendees, blending expertise from researchers, professionals, scientists, and emerging scholars.

This meeting promises to deliver the highest standards of scientific and educational excellence while providing an ideal venue for networking with national and international participants, facilitating the expansion of existing connections and the creation of new ones.

We warmly welcome each of you to the beautiful city of Abu Dhabi.

Thank you once again for your participation, and we look forward to a highly successful and impactful conference.

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Learning Objectives

- Identify advanced approaches towards Hemophilia.
- Diagnose Hemophilia and other Inherited Bleeding Disorders.
- Discuss management of Hemophilia and inherited bleeding disorders.
- Discuss updates in research in Hemophilia and inherited bleeding disorders.
- Offer an in-depth exposure to multidisciplinary approaches to the management strategies of Hemophilia.
- Improve care of patients with hemophilia and inherited bleeding disorders.
- Address the unmet needs in hemophilia.

Who Should Attend?

This activity is designed to meet the needs of:

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| • General Pediatricians | • General Practitioners |
| • Pediatric Subspecialists | • Emergency Medicine Physicians |
| • Pediatric Trainees | • Dietitians |
| • Residents & Fellow | • Pharmacists |
| • Family Physicians | • Specialist Nurses |

Key Features

- Full two-day program
- Presentations by renowned expert speakers
- Interactive Sessions
- Connecting scientific community

Why you should attend?

- Meeting renowned experts from around the world
- Networking and developing new partnerships
- Learning and sharing best practices
- Get introduced to success stories and achievements
- Learning advanced approaches and practices towards Hemophilia

General Information

Venue

Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl offers a 5 star luxury hotel and events venue of awe-inspiring design and extraordinary architecture, located in the iconic West Corniche district of Abu Dhabi.

Name Tags

Participants are required to wear their name tags throughout the meeting in order to be admitted to the lecture halls and other scheduled activities.

Refreshment and Lunch

Refreshment and lunch will be offered in accordance with the breaks indicated on the timetable.

Mobile Phones and Photography

Participants are kindly requested to keep their mobile phones silent mode in the conference hall and refrain from taking photographs during sessions. Free internet will be available in the exhibition area during the conference.

CME Accreditation

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| Accredited by the Department of Health - Abu Dhabi & is designated for a maximum of 14.55 DOH (CME) credits |
| DAY 1, Saturday 05/10/2024 is Accredited for 7.58 CME Hours |
| DAY 2, Sunday 06/10/2024 is Accredited for 6.97 CME Hours |

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| Accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) for a maximum of 13.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). |
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| DAY 2, Sunday 06/10/2024 is Accredited for 7.5 CME Hours |

Certificate of Attendance

- For **DOH CME Certificates**: Delegates based in UAE are required to claim their certificates through the **DOH TAMM application**. The certificate will be available for claim within **60 days** from the conference start date.
- For **EACCME® Certificates**: The CME certificate of attendance will be available within 7 days post-conference on the MENA Conference website (www.menaconference.com).
- A notification containing the link and instructions on how to download the certificates will be sent to your registered email address.
- Please note that delegates are required to complete the online evaluation of the conference before accessing the link to download their CME certificates. It is the delegate's responsibility to download and retain a copy of the certificate for their records.
- Each medical specialist should only claim the credits corresponding to the time they actually spent participating in the educational activity.

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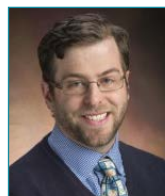
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1 – OCT 5, 2024 (SATURDAY)

| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
|--|--|--|
| 08:00-08:50 | Registration | |
| 08:50-09:00 | Welcome & Introduction | Dr. Faisal Khanani, UAE & Dr. Naser Al Zein, UAE |
| SESSION 1 Chairs: Dr. Naser Alzein & Dr. Eman Alshamsi | | |
| 09:00-09:20 | Update on Gene Therapy | Dr. Benjamin Samelson-Jones, USA |
| 09:20-09:40 | Gene Therapy in Hemophilia Regulatory Pathway | Dr. Shahrukh Hashmi, UAE |
| 09:40-10:00 | Personalized Hemophilia Treatment | Dr. Saad Ahmed, Ireland |
| 10:00-10:15 | Q&A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 1 |
| 10:15-10:45 | OFFICIAL INAUGURATION | |
| 10:45-11:00 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00-11:30 | Symposium: Reaching New Heights in Haemophilia A: The Impact of Higher Factor Levels | Dr. Saad Ahmed, Ireland & Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani, UAE Chair: Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah |
| SESSION 2 Chairs: Dr. Mustafa Albaroudi & Dr. Grace Nehme | | |
| 11:30-11:50 | New paradigm of prophylaxis in hemophilia | Dr. Rubén Berruenco Moreno, Spain |
| 11:50-12:10 | Rebalancing agents - A new approach to managing hemophilia | Dr. Alok Srivastava, India |
| 12:10-12:30 | Quality of life for individuals with hemophilia: we have come so far, but have so far to go | Dr. Clay Cohen, USA |
| 12:30-12:40 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 2 |
| 12:40-13:10 | Symposium: Hemophilia disease burden and New treatments landscape | Dr. Naser Alzein, UAE |
| 13:10-14:10 | Prayer & Lunch Break Exhibition & Poster Viewing | |
| 14:10-14:40 | Symposium: Role of Hemlibra in Previously untreated patients (PUPs) critical review of Haven 7 clinical trial | Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah, UAE |
| | Role of Hemlibra in physically active patients: The value of Emicizumab beyond ABR | Dr. Najam Awan, UAE |
| SESSION 3 Chairs: Dr. Fraz Ahmed & Dr. Majed Alremeithi | | |
| 14:40-15:00 | Discussing the challenges of obtaining an accurate diagnosis of von Willebrand Disease | Dr. Clay Cohen, USA |
| 15:00-15:20 | Immune tolerance experience for UAE | Dr. Najam Awan, UAE |
| 15:20-15:40 | Rare Bleeding disorder | Dr. Hadeel Saleh Mohammad, Kuwait |
| 15:40-16:00 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 3 |
| 16:00-16:10 | Coffee Break Exhibition & Poster Viewing | |
| 16:10-16:40 | Symposium: Advancing Haemophilia Care: Esperoct® "A state of the art, Extend half-life rFVIII" | Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani, UAE Chair: Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi, UAE |
| SESSION 4 Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi, Dr. Nidal Omar Al-Hashaykeh & Dr. Fareeda Al Marzooqi | | |
| 16:40-17:00 | Rare Bleeding Disorders, Kuwait experience | Dr. Ali Mullah-Ali, Kuwait |
| 17:00-17:20 | Bleeding Disorder in Women and Adolescent Girls | Dr. Mozah Almarshoodi, UAE |
| 17:20-17:40 | Acquired hemophilia | Dr. Amar Lal, UAE |
| 17:40-18:00 | Update on Hemophilia B | Dr. Benjamin Samelson-Jones, USA |
| 18:00-18:10 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 4 |
| 18:10 | End of Day 1 | |

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 2 – OCT 6, 2024 (SUNDAY)

| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
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| 08:00-08:55 | Registration | |
| 08:55-09:00 | Welcome & Introduction | Dr. Faisal Khanani, UAE & Dr. Naser Al Zein, UAE |
| SESSION 5: ALLIED HEALTH (Nurses, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists) Chairs: Khalid Habaybia & Dr. Omar Trad | | |
| 09:00-09:20 | Case: Managing severe hemophilia A in a newborn baby | Ms. Marlene Beijleveld, The Netherlands |
| 09:20-09:40 | Bridging the Gap: Addressing the Shortage of Hemophilia Nurses in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. | Mr. Khalid Habaybia, UAE |
| 09:40-10:00 | Health Economic Perspective on Hemophilia Treatments: Keeping Value in Mind | Dr. Anas Hamad, Qatar |
| 10:00-10:20 | The importance of Physical Therapy in Hemophilia | Ms. Kaouther Zahra, Tunisia |
| 10:20-10:35 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 5 |
| 10:35-11:05 | Symposium: Managing bleeding disorders from Hemophilia to Von Willebrand disorders | Dr. Naser Al Zein, UAE |
| 11:05-11:20 | Coffee Break Exhibition & Poster Viewing | |
| SESSION 6: WFH & HEMNET Chairs: Ms. Rana Saifi & Dr. Sally Al Naeem | | |
| 11:20-11:40 | World Federation Activities in Middle East and Africa | Ms. Rana Saifi, Canada |
| 11:40-12:00 | Factor 13; surgeon's best friend!! | Dr. Shayan Ansari, UAE |
| 12:00-12:20 | Surgical Synovectomy vs Radiosynovectomy | Prof. Dr. Philipp Berdel, UAE |
| 12:20-12:40 | Factor VII Deficiency - Recent updates and management | Dr. Roula Farah, Lebanon |
| 12:40-12:55 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 6 |
| 12:55-13:55 | Prayer & Lunch Break Exhibition & Poster Viewing | |
| SESSION 7 Chairs: Dr. Abdulla Al Amri & Dr. Mohannad Diab | | |
| 13:55-15:35 | Middle East and North Africa Session | |
| | A. Observational Multicenter Retrospective and Prospective analysis of data on Emicizumab and FVIII prophylaxis in children with severe Hemophilia A: Egypt-compare study | Prof. Mohsen Saleh Elalfy, Egypt |
| | B. Immune tolerance experience for Saudi | Dr. Mahasen Saleh, KSA |
| | C. Glanzmann thrombasthenia | Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah, UAE |
| | D. Clinical outcomes and safety profile of Emicizumab for the management of children and adult with Hemophilia A in UAE: A retrospective study at SEHA CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE | Dr. Haydar Al Rufaye & Dr. Naser Alzein, UAE |
| | E. Oman experience of Hemophilia | Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaithi, Oman |
| | F. Qatar experience | Dr. Ayman Saleh, Qatar |
| 15:35-15:55 | Or Factor V deficiency: Oman experience | Dr. Yasser Wali, Oman |
| 15:55-16:10 | Q & A / Panel Discussion | All Speakers Session 7 |
| 16:10-16:20 | COFFEE BREAK EXHIBITION | |

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 2 – OCT 6, 2024 (SUNDAY)

| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
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| SESSION 8: ORAL PRESENTATIONS [10 mins each] Chair: Dr. Mohamed Fakhouri & Dr. Mohammed Ramzan | | |
| 16:20-17:20 | Revolutionizing Hemophilia A Treatment: Experience of Emicizumab Prophylaxis from Resource Limited Country | Dr. Munira Borhany, Pakistan |
| | Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE Experience With Switching From Standard Half-life Recombinant Coagulation Factor IX To Extend Half-life Recombinant Coagulation Factor IX, Fc Fusion Protein In Patients With Severe Hemophilia B | Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Faisal Khanani, UAE |
| | Experience of non factor replacement in India | Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan, India |
| | Interim Results of HMB-001 for Prophylactic Management of Glanzmann Thrombasthenia | Mr. Jigar Amin, USA |
| | Performing minor surgeries among patients on prophylactic treatment with Emicizumab, the Moroccan experience | Dr. Mohamed El Khorassani, Morocco |
| | A Retrospective Analysis of ADAMTS-13 Enzymatic Activity Results in a Population with Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura Disease in the Arabian Gulf and Colombia | Mr. Yahia Aktham, KSA |
| 17:20-17:30 | CLOSING REMARKS | |
| 17:30 | END OF CONFERENCE | |

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani

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Chief of division of paediatric haematology oncology since May 2014 and Consultant Paediatric Haematologist Oncologist in Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE, since June 2005. He provides diagnostic service and specialized care for children < 15 years of age with bleeding disorder, leukaemia and Lymphoma, Bone marrow Marrow transplant

Clinical Associate Professor UAEU-FMHS Al Ain, UAE, May 2008–Present.

Vice president of emirates haematology society, and chair of haemophilia group

Published more than 25 publication in peer review journal



Dr. Mohammed Fahed Abdullah

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Dr. Fahed is a graduate of medical school from university of Aleppo in Syria, he had diploma in doctor of medicine (MD) degree, in addition, he is American board certified in pediatric hematology/oncology.

Dr. Fahed, is a member of American society of hematology, emirates hematology association.

From 1991 - 1994, dr. Fahed was resident in pediatric in state university of New York

From 1994 - 1997, dr. Fahed was a fellow in pediatric hematology/oncology department for four months in 1997.

Dr. Fahed worked as associate consultant, pediatric hematologist/oncologist in king Faisal specialist hospital and research center, then since Jan. 1998, he worked as associate consultant pediatric hematology/oncology in king Fahd hospital. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 1 year followed by 6 years worked as consultant pediatric hematology/oncology at sheikh Khalifa medical city, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Dr. Fahd, currently has 7 publications in different journals including annals of Saudi medicine and journal of pediatric hematology/oncology.



Dr. Naser Alzein

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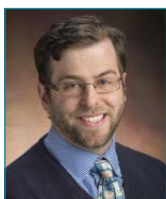
Dr. Naser is currently serving as Chief Division of pediatric hematology/oncology at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC). Dr Naser joined SKMC in 2009. He also served as the Chairman of pediatrics at Sheikh Khalifa City in 2021. Before that, he served as the medical director of pediatric hematology/oncology at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa in the United States of America. He is an assistant professor of pediatrics/pediatric hematology/Oncology at Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa in the United States.

Dr. Naser completed his medical school from Jordan University of Science and Technology in Jordan in 1993, and then he did his PhD in Pediatrics at the University of Jordan. Dr. Alzein, completed his training in the United States of America. He is double American board certified in Pediatrics and pediatric Hematology/Oncology. Dr. Naser has major interest in Lymphoma and hematological malignancies, as well as benign hematology like hemoglobinopathies

He is a 2 times winner of the American Society of Oncology (ASCO) Merit Award; for the best translational medicine research abstract in cancer genetic. In addition, he won the Lymphoma Spore Group Grant Award in 2005 for his work on DNA methylation in B cell Lymphomas. In addition, Dr Alzein won 3 times the Best Teaching Award from the Education Department at SKMC. He won Employee of the month at SKMC. Dr Alzein, has great experience in bone marrow transplant and solid tumors as well.

Dr Alzein has been a speaker in several International and regional meetings. He has multiple publications related to his field.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Benjamin Samelson-Jones

Attending physician in the Division of Hematology
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA



Benjamin J. Samelson-Jones, MD, PhD, is an attending physician in the Division of Hematology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Areas of Expertise: Bleeding and clotting disorders, Sickle cell disease, General hematology

Benjamin J. Samelson-Jones, MD, PhD, is an attending physician in the Division of Hematology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He is board certified in hematology/oncology and pediatrics. He specializes in treating children with bleeding or clotting disorders, sickle cell disease, and other blood disorders. His current research is focused on gene therapy and immune responses related to Hemophilia.

Dr. Samelson-Jones enjoys this specialty because of the ability to provide care on an ongoing basis throughout childhood. Those long-term relationships are rewarding for both doctor and patient and a key part of CHOP's culture of care. "I want every family who comes to CHOP to leave feeling that their child received personalized, high-quality, holistic medical care," said Dr. Samelson-Jones.

Dr. Samelson-Jones earned his medical degree as well as a PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

He continued his training with a residency in pediatrics at Children's National Health System in Washington, DC and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at CHOP.

Dr. Samelson-Jones is excited about the advances being made in curative therapies for inherited blood disorders. His research is also focused in that area, including projects to investigate the molecular basis of coagulation and immune responses in hemophilia as well as a potential gene therapy for hemophilia.

Education and Training:

- Medical School: MD - Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
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Dr. Shahrukh Hashmi is currently the Director of Research Development at the Department of Health, Abu Dhabi, UAE. He served at Mayo Clinic for approximately 10 years. He started Mayo Clinic's first BMT survivorship program. He has served as PI or Co-PI on many industry-sponsored and NIH sponsored trials. His research interests include premature aging and GVHD. He is also involved in stem cell therapeutics particularly in regenerative hematology. He has authored >200 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including in JAMA, Lancet, and in NEJM. He chairs many national or international professional committees/groups including being the chair of the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplant's Nuclear Accident committee (Geneva, Switzerland), founding chair of American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant Society's Survivorship SIG (Chicago, Illinois), and co-chair of the Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Registry's (CIBMTR) Health Services Committee (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). He is currently the chair of the Dept. of Hematology/Oncology at the SSMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE; and also the chair of SEHA Oncology Council.

Speakers' Biography



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Dr. Ahmed is a consultant haematologist at the Paediatrics Coagulation Centre in Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Dublin, Ireland. He also worked as a consultant in the Irish adult National Coagulation Centre (NCC) at St. James's Hospital and leads the transfer of care of bleeding disorders' patients to adult service.

Dr. Ahmed completed his basic medical training in St James's Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital in Dublin; before completing his Higher Specialist Training in clinical and laboratory haematology in Ireland in 2019. He also completed his MD in haematology at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) in 2020.

Dr. Ahmed research on the mechanisms of the increase in factor IX (FIX) levels in children with haemophilia B Leyden, was published at the British Journal of Haematology and presented at the European Haematology Association Congress and the American Society of haematology Congress. He was a sub-investigator in the first gene therapy in haemophilia that took place in Ireland in 2019. Currently, Dr. Ahmed is a sub-investigator in multiple clinical trials that are taking place in Children's Health Ireland.



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Graduated in Medicine from Zaragoza University in 2003. Specialized in pediatrics, PhD from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in 2011. Master's degree in pediatric hematology in Sant Joan de Déu Hospital; in congenital coagulopathies from the University of Alcalá; and an Executive master's in the management of healthcare organizations from Ramón Llul University.

Pediatric hematologist at Sant Joan de Déu Hospital since 2010. Head of department since 2018 and responsible for the Pediatric Thrombosis and Hemostasis Unit. Co-coordinator of the integrated hemophilia Unit SJD-HSP Barcelona and European Reference Network (ERN) EuroBloodNet representative



Dr. Alok Srivastava

Professor-Research and Head,
Haematology Research Unit
St. John's Medical College Hospital at
Bengaluru, India



Alok Srivastava, MD, FRACP, FRCPA, FRCP

Alok Srivastava is Professor-Research and Head, Haematology Research Unit, St. John's Research Institute and Senior Consultant, Department of Clinical Haematology in the St. John's Medical College Hospital at Bengaluru, India. Prof. Srivastava has been involved with the management of patients with bleeding disorders for over 30 years. His recent focus has been on novel therapies including gene therapy for hemophilia.

Prof. Srivastava is President of the Indian Association for Haemophilia & Allied Disorders. He is also the Chairman of the Association for Haemophilia & Allied Disorders – Asia-Pacific. He was the chair of the FVIII/IX subcommittee of the SSC of the ISTH from 2006-2010 and currently serves on the SSC Gene Therapy steering committee. He is a member of the board of the WFH and was the WFH Vice-President (Medical) from 2012-2014. He has led the writing group for all three editions of the WFH guidelines for the management of hemophilia.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Najam Awan

Paediatric Hematologist Oncologist,
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Dr. Najam Ahmed Awan is a Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist working in Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE since 2012
- He completed MBBS (1998) , DCH (2001) from Pakistan and MRCPCH (2008) from Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health ,UK .
- He received his Pediatric Hematology Oncology training at Prince Faisal Cancer Center, Saudi Arabia before joining Tawam Hospital
- He provides specialized care for children up to 16 years of age with benign and malignant Haematology and Oncology diseases with special interest in Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders
- He is also a faculty member of Pediatric Residency Program and is responsible for Pediatric Hematology Oncology rotation of the residents
- He is actively involved in teaching activities and research with various publications
- Aside from his commitment to further advance his experience and knowledge in the field of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, he also actively support patients , families and community by sharing his knowledge and organizing World Hemophilia day and International Childhood Cancer Day



Dr. Hadeel Saleh Mohammad

Consultant Hematology Oncology
Hemostasis and Thrombosis - Pediatric
NBK Specialized Children's Hospital, Kuwait



- Kuwaiti board in general pediatric
- Fellowship in hematology -oncology-hemostasis & thrombosis McMaster - Canada.
- Following leukemic cases and bleeding disorders as well as benign hematology cases.
- Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBCh); faculty of medicine , health science center, Arabian Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain, and had internship in Kuwait.
- Completed Kuwaiti Board in Pediatric (full program including all subspecialty in pediatric and neonate) –Kuwait .
- Gained Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology /Oncology McMaster University .Hamilton-Canada.
- Fellowship in Pediatric Hemostasis and Thrombosis McMaster University. Hamilton–Canada.
- Had journal publications and abstract mainly in bleeding disorders and presentations both locally and regionally.
- Currently serves as a consultant in pediatric Hem / Onc / Hemostasis and Thrombosis- NBK Specialized Children's Hospital-Kuwait.



Dr. Clay Cohen

Assistant Professor
Baylor College of Medicine/
Texas Children's Hospital, USA



Clay Cohen is a Pediatric Hematologist at Texas Children's Hospital at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He is the Associate Chief of Hematology, Director of the Texas Children's Hemophilia Treatment Center, and Co-Director of the Pediatric and Adolescent Hematology & Gynecology Program. In these roles cares for children and adolescents with bleeding, thrombotic, and general hematologic disorders. He completed medical school at the University of Texas-Houston Medical School, Pediatric Residency and Chief Residency at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Mozah AlMarshoodi

Internal Medicine Consultant,
Consultative Hematology UofT
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Mozah AlMarshoodi, MD is a graduate of United Arab Emirates University, College of Medicine and Health science in 2002. She was the editor in chief for The college university journal (MedPoint) for two consecutive years (2000 and 2001). After Residency, she was assigned as the Internship program director in AlAin Hospital, UAE for 2 years before she joined UofT program and completed her training in consultative Hematology in Toronto, Canada. She had extensive experience at UHN hospitals in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis. Her focus of studies were on benign hematology and academic medicine. During her fellowship, she also completed master teacher program course.

Dr. AlMarshoodi has been practicing as independent consultant physician in the Department of Hematology at Tawam hospital in AlAin, UAE since 2019. Her practice focuses on treating patients with health issues related to OB hematology, thrombosis, hemoglobinopathies, hemostasis and immunohematology. She took the lead as the principal investigator at the international RAPID TRAIL / UAE team to investigate the use of heparin in COVID19 patients. Currently she is running daily benign hematology clinic at the polyclinic center and participate as a core faculty in the Internal residency program at Tawam Hospital.

She is an active ISTH member and currently working to develop an international collaboration program in the field of benign hematology starting with OB hematology in the area of thrombosis and hemostasis.



Dr. Ali Mullah-Ali

Pediatric Hematology, Oncology,
Hemostasis & Thrombosis Consultant
NBK Children's Hospital, Kuwait



Qualifications:

1. LRCP (Edin), LRCS (Edin), LRCPS (Glasg), May 1997
2. Pediatric Kuwaiti Board (Part I), Oct. 2000
3. FRCPC (Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada) in General Pediatrics, Canada, June 8th, 2006
4. American Board certificate in General Pediatrics, Oct 24th, 2006
5. Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship, McMaster, Canada (July 2004-June 2007)
6. Clinical Fellowship year in Hemostasis & Thrombosis, McMaster, Canada (July 2007-June 2008)

Area of Practice

1. Coagulation disorders
2. Leukemia and other benign hematology disorders

Dr Mullah-Ali is a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Consultant with a subspecialty of hemostasis and thrombosis. He is the Head of Pediatric Hematology/Leukemia Unit at NBK Children's Hospital in Kuwait.

After receiving his medical degree from the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh & Glasgow in UK, Dr Mullah-Ali has completed his pediatric Residency Program in 2005 and became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. In 2006, he got the American Board of Pediatrics. He has completed his Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in 2008. He has many research interests but mainly in the field of coagulation. He has been invited as a speaker to several national and international meetings. Since Aug 2019, he is appointed as director of NBK Children's Hospital in Kuwait.

Speakers' Biography



Ms. Marlène Beijlevelt

Nurse Practitioner
Amsterdam University Medical Center,
The Netherlands



Marlène Beijlevelt is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner with more than 25 years of experience in Haemophilia and Bleeding Disorders care in the Amsterdam University Medical Center in Amsterdam the Netherlands.

Her main focus are the young children and their families and also has a particular interest in supporting the needs of women with bleeding disorders.

The Nurse Practitioner is the link between the patient and members of the comprehensive care team, the community and other health care providers. She plays a key role in patient care management and provides care and education to patients with a bleeding disorders and those who care for them.

Marlène is the former Chair of- and still member of the WFH Nurse committee and member of the WFH WGBD committee.



Dr. Amar Lal

Consultant Hematologist &
Consultant Oncologist
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Amar Lal graduated from Dow University in 1993. He underwent medicine residency and followed by oncology fellowship.

He qualified triple diploma in medicine, family medicine and oncology from CPSP Pakistan. Then he got triple diplomas from Royal Colleges of Physicians Ireland and Glasgow in medicine and speciality certificates oncology royal college London. He also qualified ESMO Examination Board in oncology.

He has been local and international speaker in hematology and oncology and has more than 50 publications.

He joined Tawam hospital in 2007 and he continued to be an active part of CME/ Scientific Program Coordinator, Member of Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (PTC), Patient safety physician manager, Member of Medication Utilization Committee (MSSC).



Dr. Anas Hamad

Director of Pharmacy Department
National Center for Cancer Care &
Research, Doha, Qatar



Dr. Anas is currently the Director of Pharmacy Department at Qatar's National Center for Cancer Care & Research and Head of Medication Safety & Quality Center at Hamad Medical Corporation's Pharmacy Executive Office. He holds an adjunct position at Qatar University as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy & Practice. In addition, he is chairing the Standing Committee on Medication Services at Qatar Red Crescent Society. He is also the Vice President & Director of ISPOR Qatar Chapter.

Dr. Anas finished his BSc in Pharmacy at the University of Jordan. He obtained MSc in Clinical Pharmacy, International Practice & Policy from the University of London and PhD in Clinical Practice & Medication Use from King's College London. He acquired an Executive Diploma in Health Services Management from GSM London. He completed the Executive Leaders Program with Qatar Leadership Centre.

Dr. Anas is an active researcher with several publications and conference proceedings. He is an Editorial Board Member at International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Review Editor at Frontiers in Oncology. He regularly speaks at local and international conferences. He is a member in both HMC's and QU's Institutional Review Boards in addition to various committees focusing on pharmacy practice, medication use, cancer care, research, patient safety & quality, and governmental tenders.

Speakers' Biography



Khalid Habaybia

Nurse Manager
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Nurse Manager, Paediatric Haematology-Oncology Unit, Tawam Hospital, United Arab Emirates.

Khalid is currently a Nurse Manager within the Paediatric Haematology-Oncology Unit at the Tawam Hospital, United Arab Emirates. Prior to this, Khalid graduated from the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan before going on to obtain a Master's of Science in Healthcare Administration at the University of Atlanta in the USA.

He actively participates in many haemophilia-focussed groups, taking on the role of Nurses Committee Member for the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), and General Secretary and Hemophilia Nurse at the United Arab Emirates Hemophilia Group, recently chosen as WFH World Congress Ambassador 2022.

Khalid is also the Chairperson for the Nursing Care Working Group initiated by the Pediatric Oncology Eastern Mediterranean (POEM) Group, which aims to continuously improve pediatric oncology care, research, training and advocacy in the eastern and Mediterranean region by means of integrated teamwork.



Ms. Rana Saifi

Regional Manager, Eastern Mediterranean
World Federation of Hemophilia, Middle East



Rana Saifi is the Regional Manager for the Eastern Mediterranean at WFH since 2015. She is based in Montreal, Canada and travels frequently to the region. When she first started with WFH, she was also responsible for the Africa region.

Ms Saifi has a background in International Development. Before moving to Montreal, she worked in the region with international NGOs, the Canadian Embassy in Amman and the British Embassies in Jordan and Yemen. She also worked as a Middle East Social Development Adviser with the UK's aid ministry – the Department for International Development in London.

She holds a BSc Business Administration and an MSc in International Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, UK



Kaouther Zahra

Physiotherapist
Aziza Othmana Hospital, Tunisia



I am a physiotherapist in HTC Aziza Othmana. I have been working here since 2005, I am also the coordinator of HTC, I see daily patient with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders including women. I am in charge of physiotherapy, perform HJHS and patient education. I assist and organize the weekly consultations. I work voluntarily with NMO since 2006

Speakers' Biography



Prof. Dr. Philipp Berdel

Consultant Orthopaedic Oncology Surgeon
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Full Professor Department of Surgery, UAEU



Philipp Berdel received his medical degree at the University of Bonn in Germany, and then started his residency as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in 1997 in the Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery of the University Hospital Aachen, Germany.

After finishing his training as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in 2005 and fellowships in Orthopaedic Rheumatology (2006) and in Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery (2008), he received the training authorisation in both fields in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

In 2011 he reached the highest level of orthopaedic training in Germany, Advanced Orthopaedic Procedures, by the Medical Board Nordrhein, Germany.

Since 2013 he lives and works in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

In 2017 he became one of only 45 certified Orthopaedic Oncology Surgeons of the German Medical Board (out of 13.400 Orthopaedic Surgeons).

Since 2017 he is an Adjunct Professor Department of Surgery, College of Medicine and Health Science, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU); since 02/2021 as a (Full) Professor

He is a member of the German Orthopaedic Society (DGOOC) and of its scientific working group for Orthopaedic Oncology. On the 01.05.2015 he joined the Emirates Medical Association/Emirates Orthopaedic Society, as well.

He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and holds the German-, GMC- (UK)-, DOH- (Abu Dhabi) and MOH- (Oman) License

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Speakers' Biography



Dr. Roula Farah, MD, FAAP, MPH

President and Founder, CHANCE
(Children Against Cancer) Association Board Member, CCI Asia (Childhood Cancer International)
Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
Lebanese American University Medical Center-Rizk Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon



Dr Roula Farah is a Professor of General Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Lebanese

American University- LAU School of Medicine in Beirut, Lebanon and LAU Medical Center Rizk Hospital with several years of clinical experience. She also holds a Global Masters in Public Health from the Imperial College of London, UK. She was recently a visiting professor at the Pediatric Department at UZ Brussel in Belgium and a visiting Professor at the University of Science Po Bordeaux in France.

She is certified by the American Boards of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and the Belgian Board (NARIC-National Academic Recognition Information Centre) and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Prof. Farah has numerous publications in the field of pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology and has received several international awards for her scientific work on childhood diseases, such as a travel award from the International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (ISTH) in 2019, from the European Association for Hemophilia and Allied Disorders (EAHAD) in 2018, from the International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (ISTH) in Berlin in 2017, the International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) in Liverpool in 2016 and in Singapore in 2014, a special Jury Award in Amman, Jordan in 2007 for her efforts in establishing the first bone marrow failure registry for Lebanon, a travel scholarship in 2006 from the International Histiocyte Society for her contribution and work on the Syntaxin-11 gene, a travel grant from the International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis, Sydney, Australia in 2005 and an award for the best study on nutrition done in Lebanon.

She is a regional and international leader, speaker and lecturer at various scientific societies. She is currently a Board member of the Lebanese Society of Pediatrics, the MENAHL Board of Directors, a founding member of the Lebanese Palliative Care Society and a national representative in the I-BFM-CML International Study Group and the SIOP Genetic Variation Group. She served as president of the Lebanese Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Group and was a member of the executive committees of the Lebanese Cancer Society and the Lebanese Society of Hematology. She founded in 2015, the first Lebanese Childhood Cancer Survivor Group and has contributed to developing cancer survivorship programs in Asia. She initiated in Lebanon, a Fanconi anemia registry and a rare bleeding disorders registry.



Dr. Haydar Al Rufaye

Pediatric Hematology Specialist
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Haydar Jawad Al Rufaye, is a Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist working in Tawam hospital, Dr. Haydar graduated from University of Sharjah with full Merit Scholarship. Dr. Haydar completed post-graduation pediatric residency in ACGME accredited program and was the chief resident during the last year. Dr. Haydar holds the Arab Board Certificate of Pediatrics and Membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH).

Dr. Haydar is involved in management and planning of various cases of hematology and oncology service in Tawam Hospital and referrals from other emirates in UAE. Dr. Haydar is highly interested in Research and in Education. He is a core faculty member of the pediatric residency program and is involved in the teaching of Residents, Interns and Medical Students.



Dr. Shayan Shahid Ansari

Consultant, Head & Neck / ENT surgeon
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr Shayan Ansari is a Head & Neck / ENT surgeon who has worked in University Hospital Crosshouse, West of Scotland. He has experience of working in Plastic Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Neurosurgery before embarking on ENT / Head & Neck surgical training in UK (CCST, UK).

Dr Ansari has worked in various academic and clinical units in different ENT subspecialties especially Head & Neck Surgical Oncology. This includes working in Head & Neck unit in Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town South Africa with Prof Fagan.

His practice includes general ENT with special interest in benign and malignant head & neck pathologies. His head and neck surgical interest is mainly in organ preservation surgeries but also specialises in advance resections for salvage and palliative purposes. He also has keen interest in surgical management of thyroid and parathyroid diseases.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Mahasen Saleh

Consultant - King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Dr. Mahasen Saleh is a well-qualified physician. Academically, she graduated MBBS in 1987 at King Saud University, Saudi Arabia, she then passed and obtained several board certifications locally and internationally including American Board in Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology Oncology.

Dr. Saleh also presented and attended numerous conferences within Saudi Arabia and abroad. Her total # of publications – 30, Abstracts – 54, Research studies – 27.

Dr Saleh also won several awards including three (3) PI projects.

Dr. Saleh also spearheaded the section of Non-Malignant Blood Disorders for 8 years as well



Prof. Mohsen Saleh Elalfy

Prof. Head Ped Hematology-Oncology,
Ain Shams University
Faculty of Medicine, Children's Hospital, Egypt



- Registrar in Pediatrics/Ped hem/Onc ASU 1979-1982
- Training in UK, Glasgow in Yourkhil in Hematology for 3 Months 1987
- Research Fellow for 12 months in USA, Michigan Children Hospital Hematology 1988-1989
- Assistant and Associate prof of Ped / Ped Hem-Onc 1986-1996
- Prof of Pediatrics and Ped Hem/Onc ASU from 1996 up till now
- Honorary Consultant hematology / Oncology Ain Shams University Hospitals.
- President Egyptian Society of Hematology/Oncology (ESPHO) since 2001-Now
- Board Member in ICIS-PARC (Basel) awarded best ITP project 2012
- Board member of permanent committee for promotion of medical professors 2008-Now
- Awarded Ain Shams University Annual prize 2018 & Awarded State Merit Award 2020
- Scopus Publications 120 (NEJ, Blood, AJH, Hematologica, Blood advances, Hemophilia, Ped Blood and Cancer) H-index 38
- PI in 33 projects, project leader in 5 clinical trials & PI in SIPPET and PUP-Switch



Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaithi

Consultant, Pediatric Hematology Oncology
The Royal Hospital, Oman



I have graduated from College of medicine at Sultan Qaboos University 2001. I've completed a residency program in general pediatrics at McGill University, Canada 2009. Then, a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at University of Calgary, Canada 2012. At the same time, I've completed a master degree (MSc) in Medical Education. I'm a board certified from both the Royal College of Physician of Canada, and the American Academy of Pediatric.

Since 2013, I've joined back at the Royal hospital, Oman as a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department. Also, I have worked as a Director of Education & Training Department. Then Head of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. Currently, I'm the Director for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program, and Chairman of MOH Medical E-Library.

I have special interest in Medical education and Pediatric Hemostasis especially Hemophilia. Therefore, my research work focused on these areas of interest, but also covers other areas in pediatric hematology oncology. I am a member in a number of international and regional professional societies.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Ayman Saleh

Chief, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
& BMT
Sidra Medicine, Qatar



Dr. Ayman Saleh is currently the Chief of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology & BMT. He also serves as the Chairman of the IRB and multiple other committees at Sidra Medicine.

Dr. Saleh has over 30 years of experience in the field of pediatrics and pediatric hematology oncology, the majority of which have been devoted to research and delivery of health care to patients and families in various communities in the United States of America and most recently in Qatar after joining Sidra Medicine in 2017. He holds active certification from the American Board Medical Specialties (ABMS) in general pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology-Oncology (ABP). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from the University of Aleppo, Syria in 1987. Completed his internship and residency and served as Chief Resident in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Michigan in 1992. He subsequently entered Pediatric Hematology/Oncology & Stem cell Transplant Clinical Fellowship at the University of Florida. He received clinical fellowship award from the American Cancer Society for 2 years 1993-1994. He successfully completed his training in 1995 then served as junior faculty at the same institution. Most recently, Dr. Saleh has added to his educational experience by the successful completion of master's in public health (MPH) program at Northeastern Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) in 2015.

During his career, he has held multiple leadership positions including Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology Oncology (1998-2011) and Medical Director and Chairman of the Department of pediatrics (2005-2007). He also chaired committees like cancer care committee, institutional review board (IRB), credentialing committee, pediatric academic review committee, pediatric executive committee, standing committee of the board, and professional affairs committee. He was elected as a president of the medical staff and medical executive committee (2003-2007).

He conducted research projects and served as a principal investigator and a full member of the international Children's Oncology Group (COG) since its inception in 2000. He also conducted clinical trials and received multiple grants in childhood cancer, hemophilia, hemoglobinopathies and supportive care.



Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali

Professor
Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit
Sultan Qaboos University, Oman



Professor and Senior Consultant Head, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, Department of Child Health, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman

Dr. Yasser is a Professor at the Child Health Department and a Senior Consultant Paediatrician Head, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit at the College of Medicine and the Hospital, Sultan Qaboos University since 2012. He's also a Chairman of Pediatric Scientific Committee (Responsible for training of all Omani pediatric trainees), Oman Medical Specialty Board since 2007.

Dr. Yasser's Memberships;

- 2014 – Present: Member of the International Network of Clinicians for Endocrinopathies in Thalassemia and Adolescent Medicine (I-CET).
- 2008 – Present: Member of The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN).
- 2008 – Present: Member of the American Society of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (ASPHO).
- 2005 – Present: Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health UK.
- 2004 – Present: Member of the First Oman Directory board of Hemophilia and Coagulation Disorders.
- 2003 – 2004: Member of the Steering group of the National Childhood Cancer Registry in Oman.
- 2000 – Present: Member of Oman Haematology/Oncology forum.
- 1998 – Present: Member of the European Haematology Association (EHA).
- 1994 – Present: Member of the Egyptian Society of Haematology.
- 1986 – Present: Member of Egyptian Society of Paediatrics.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Munira Borhany

Professor and Consultant Haematologist
Dr. Ziauddin Medical University Hospital
Hemophilia Welfare Society, Karachi, Pakistan



Dr. Munira Borhany MBBS, MCPS, FCPS, FRCP (Edin), FRCPath (UK).

Dr. Borhany is currently working as a Professor, Consultant Haematologist/ BMT Physician at the Dr. Ziauddin Medical University hospital, Midciti hospital, and Haemophilia Society, Karachi. She was the first Pakistani recipient of the RTW-International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (ISTH) Fellowship in Haemostasis and Thrombosis. She received extensive training at the Angelo Bianchi Bonomi Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center, University of Milan, Italy with Prof. Flora Peyvandi in 2012.

Dr. Borhany has worked at renowned medical establishments in the country and brings with her more than two decades worth of experience. Furthermore, she is a passionate researcher with more than 70 distinguished research publications on Haemostasis, Thrombosis, Leukaemia, Blood Transfusion, Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), and BMT among others published in both national and international journals and books. Her research is a synthesis of her involvement in treating blood disorder patients with Leukaemia, Lymphomas, Multiple Myeloma, Haemophilia, Thalassemia and other areas of Haematology.



Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Faisal Khanani

Burjeel Medical Intern
Burjeel Alain Asharej, Al Ain,
Abu Dhabi, UAE



1. Medical Internship

Burjeel Royal Asharej, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE
February 9, 2024 – Present

2. Honorary Observer

University Hospital Birmingham, London, UK
July 3, 2024 – August 23, 2024

- Observed Consultant Shahz Ahmed, ENT/Rhinology Consultant and Medical Director of University of Birmingham Hospitals.
- Rotated through all four university hospitals, observing outpatient clinics and surgical procedures, specifically in rhinology, for a total of six weeks.
- Collaborated with Dr. Anat Wenger and Dr. Karan Jolly during my time in Birmingham.

3. Clinical Attachment in Paediatric Oncology Haematology Dubai Hospital

September 2, 2023 – September 16, 2023

- Participated in all aspects of patient care, including ward rounds, emergency room, outpatient clinic, and operating room.

4. Clerkship in the Intensive Care Unit

Medical University of Lublin, Poland
July 7, 2023 – July 21, 2023

- Gained familiarity with surgical instruments and equipment used in the ICU.
- Perfected physical examination skills and monitoring of vital functions, including interpretation of clinical, laboratory, and radiological test results.
- Developed skills in identifying and differentiating acute life-threatening conditions.
- Acquired knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation principles.
- Performed supervised procedures commonly applied in ICU practice.
- Participated in medical visits.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan

Associate Professor
Department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology
Post Graduate Institute of Child Health,
Noida, India



Working as Associate Professor and Head of the Department at the Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida. She serves as the Honorary Secretary of the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and the Co-Chair of SIOP Global Health Partnerships (International Society of Pediatric Oncology). She is a section Editor for the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Journal and the recipient of the SIOP-MyChildMatters Grant in 2020. She has received extramural research grants from ICMR, WHO and DST_SERB. Published more than 65 peer-reviewed papers and 30 chapters in textbooks.

Her research interests are Childhood cancer in LMICs, Coagulopathies and Primary immune deficiencies.



Mr. Jigar Amin

Senior Director of Medical Affairs
Hemab Therapeutics, Cambridge,
Massachusetts, USA



Jigar Amin, Pharm.D. is the Senior Director of Medical Affairs at Hemab Therapeutics, where he leads efforts to advance innovative therapies for rare bleeding disorders. With over 15 years of experience in the bleeding disorder space, Jigar has held key roles at industry leaders such as Novo Nordisk and Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. His expertise spans a range of complex conditions, including rare bleeding disorders, acute hepatic porphyria, and primary hyperoxaluria. Jigar earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Houston – College of Pharmacy.



Dr. Mohamed El Khorassani

Professor, Children's hospital,
Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Unit
Marrakech, Morocco



Dr. El Khorassani is a professor at Mohamed V University, specialist pediatrician in hematology and oncology, and referring physician in haemophilia and bleeding disorders, in public practice at the hematology and oncology center, Children hospital, university hospital Rabat. He is responsible of development of research programs in the field of hemostasis, the clinical research unit and a consultant of laboratories, and he is the principal investigator of several trial studies

Dr. El Khorassani is Responsible of the Haemophilia National Program in the Ministry of Health

Dr. El Khorassani qualified as a medical doctor 1991 in Rabat. From 1992 to 1996, he is an assistant in biological hematology, particularly interested in the pathology of hemostasis.



Mr. Yahia Aktham Elhamalawy

Diagnostics Lead
Sanofi, KSA



Yahia Aktham is a distinguished Diagnostics Lead at Sanofi, bringing over a decade of expertise in medical affairs and diagnostics. He excels managing complex diagnostic projects, and implementing strategic therapy area initiatives. Yahia's career is marked by successful medicine launches, regulatory compliance, and significant contributions to clinical research. With more than 15 publications in renowned journals, he has advanced understanding in areas such as rare diseases, blood disorders and diagnostic innovations. His academic background includes a Pharmaceutical Sciences, an Executive Business Administration, and ongoing studies in Public Health. His extensive qualifications are complemented by advanced training in project management, clinical research, and data analysis. As a presenting author, Yahia offers a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record in driving advancements in diagnostic practices and medical product development.

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Abu Dhabi is the largest emirate in the United Arab Emirates, occupying 84 per cent of the national landmass territory. It has 200 islands and a long coastline stretching 700km. Its total area is 67,340 sq. km. Abu Dhabi city in the emirate is the federal capital of the UAE.

Location and geography

The emirate of Abu Dhabi lies on the coast of the Arabian Gulf and is bordered by Sultanate of Oman to the east, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the south and the west and the emirate of Dubai to the northeast. The three main regions of the emirate are:

- the city of Abu Dhabi
- Al Ain in the east
- Al Dhafrah (earlier known as Al Gharbia) in the west.

In the eastern region, to the south of Al Ain city is Jebel Hafeet - the emirate's highest peak (1,240 metres).

Al Dhafrah has seven main cities: Liwa, Madinat Zayed, Ghayathi, Ruwais, Mirfa, Sila and Delma Island.

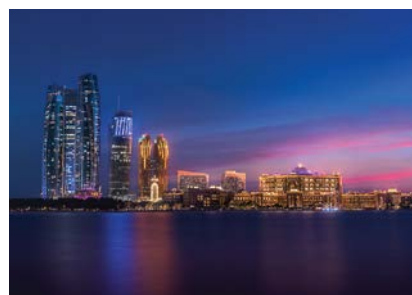
The city of Abu Dhabi is connected to the mainland by four bridges: Maqta bridge, Mussafah bridge, Sheikh Zayed bridge and Sheikh Khalifa bridge.

Touristic importance

Abu Dhabi has become a centre for world-class sporting events such as: the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship, the prestigious Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge cross-country rally and the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

In addition, the city will soon house the world's largest concentration of premier cultural institutions which will include the Sheikh Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is rich in natural wonders too. While the emirate's famous Liwa oasis in the south of the emirate is home to some of the largest and most beautiful sand dunes in the world, the garden city of Al Ain in the foothills of Jebel Hafeet is home to several heritage sites.



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